

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

No claim amendments are made herein. The following listing of claims is presented for convenience during examination of this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented) An end user interface in a bi-directional broadband communication system, wherein said end user interface comprises:

multiple ports identified by at least one designation element,

at least one end user device connected to each port,

a transceiver,

a processing unit, wherein said processing unit provides a greeting and routes a signal received by said transceiver to one of said multiple ports selected by an end user using said greeting.

Claims 2-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said processing unit provides a message after said greeting.

Claim 5 (original) The end user interface of claim 4, wherein said greeting and said message are customized.

Claim 6 (original) The end user interface of claim 4, wherein said end user interface stores multiple greetings and messages and said processing unit selectively provides said greeting and message from said multiple greetings and messages.

Claim 7 (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said at least one end user device provides a distinct alert.

Claim 8 (original) The end user interface of claim 7, wherein said distinct alert is a distinctive ring.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said end user interface displays or announces an identity of said one of said multiple ports selected by said end user.

Claim 10 (original) The end user interface of claim 9, wherein said identity includes one or more of a group comprising a name, number or tone.

Claim 11 (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said broadband communication system includes an Internet Protocol Network supporting Internet Protocol telephony service.

Claim 12 (original) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said at least one end user device includes one or more POTS telephones or Internet Protocol telephones or digital telephones.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 1, wherein said designation element is a directory number.

Claim 14 (previously presented) An end user interface in a bi-directional broadband communication system, wherein said end user interface comprises:

multiple ports identified by multiple designations with at least one end user device connected to each port,

a processing unit which provides a greeting and, upon receiving a signal including one of said multiple designations, said processing unit routes said signal to one of said multiple ports depending on a port selected by an end user using said greeting, and
a transceiver.

Claims 15-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said processing unit provides a message after said one of said multiple ports is selected.

Claim 18. (original) The end user interface of claim 17, wherein said greeting and said message are customized.

Claim 19. (original) The end user interface of claim 17, wherein said end user interface stores multiple greetings and messages and said processing unit selectively provides said greeting and message from multiple greetings and messages.

Claim 20. (original) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said at least one end user device provides a distinct alert.

Claim 21(original) The end user interface of claim 20, wherein said distinct alert is a distinctive ring.

Claim 22 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said end user interface displays or announces an identity of said one of said multiple ports selected by said end user.

Claim 23 (original) The end user interface of claim 22, wherein said identity includes one or more of a group comprising a name, number or tone.

Claim 24 (original) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said broadband communication system includes an Internet Protocol Network supporting Internet Protocol telephony service.

Claim 25. (original) The end user interface of claim 14, wherein said at least one end user device includes one or more POTS telephones or Internet Protocol telephones or digital telephones.

Claim 26 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 14 wherein said designation is a directory number.

Claim 27 (previously presented) A method of associating a directory number with multiple ports on an end user interface located at a customer premises, in a broadband communications system supporting Internet Protocol telephony service comprising the steps of:

mapping said directory number with said multiple ports on said end user interface,
receiving an incoming call,
providing a greeting,
selecting a port using said greeting, and
directing said incoming call to said selected port.

Claim 28 (original) The method of claim 27 further comprising the steps of:
alerting to said incoming call using a distinctive alert associated with said selected port.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (previously presented) The method of claim 27 further comprising the step of:

providing a message after the greeting.

Claim 31 (original) The method of claim 30 wherein said greeting and said message are customized.

Claim 32 (original) The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of:

selecting said greeting and said message from multiple greetings and messages.

Claim 33 (original) The method of claim 27 wherein each of said multiple ports includes a unique identity and displaying or announcing said unique identity of said selected port.

Claims 34 – 43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 1 wherein said end user interface is located at a customer premises.

Claim 45 (previously presented) The end user interface of claim 14 wherein said end user interface is located at a customer premises.